World Bank to assist disease eradication programmes in India

254. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank proposes to assist in India's four on-going disease eradication programmes including that for AIDS;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) how much share of World Bank assistance would be given to State Governments to fight AIDS; and

(d) the extent to which that disease would be checked as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank have shown interest in funding health projects specially in the areas of Health Service Development for underserved areas Leprosy Eradication programme. Blindness Control Programme, Malaria Control, T.B. Control and AIDS control. Project outlines for AIDS control, control of Malaria in tribal areas and Leprosy control have already been forwarded to the World Bank. Project outline for the control of Blindness is under formulation. World Bank has agreed to process the proposal on AIDS control expeditiously. An appraisal Mission is expected to come in mid-October, 1991.

(c) and (d) The World Bank assistance for AIDS control is expected to be US $ 65 million. 93.5 per cent of this would be given to the States. The draft project document for AIDS control includes prevention of HIV transmission, surveillance and research impact reduction and programmes management. It is expected that these measures would help prevent and also control the spread of AIDS in the country.

Golden Jubilee of Quit India Movement

255. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to celebrate Golden Jubilee of the Quit India Movement, 1942;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no scheme in the Department of Culture to celebrate such events.

Rate of rent fixed for branches of National Banks

256. SHRI RAJ AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate of rent minimum and maximum fixed by Government for the nationalised Banks which are running their branches/offices in the residential areas in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) what are the rates in Kalkaji, Malviya Nagar and Sheikh Sarai (Phase-I)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have not fixed any rates for rents to be paid by the nationalised banks for the premises taken by them on rent. The rent is fixed by the banks themselves taking into consideration various aspects such as location of the premises, prevailing market rent in the area, facilities provided by the landlord etc. and within the overall guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India.